

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

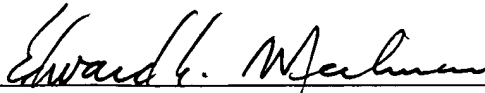
The claims have been amended to expedite prosecution of this application. Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the amount of $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ is below 5% (page 7, line 35) and to correct the dissolution rate language into the recitation of the allowed claims of the parent application. The new claims which have been submitted herewith generally correspond to the claims allowed in the parent application which have been further changed either to reflect that the amount of Al_2O_3 is 12 to 26% (page 8, line 10, page 7, line 32), or the amount of $\text{Na}_2\text{O} + \text{K}_2\text{O}$ is below 5% or the amount of SiO_2 is 32 to 45% (page 9, lines 1-5) or that the liquidus temperature and viscosity is that suitable for fiberising by a cascade spinner process (see page 12). Two claims employing the "utilizing" approach approved in Ex parte Porter, 25 U.S.P.Q.2d 1144 (BPAI 1992) are also presented.

Applicants desire that all of the art as cited in the parent application be made of record in this case. For the convenience of the Examiner, an art listing form is being submitted herewith. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP §609, additional copies of the prior art is not required and are not being submitted herewith.

The early consideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited.

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APPENDIX A
Version With Markings To Show Changes Made
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIM:

(Amended) 1. A product comprising man-made vitreous fibres formed of a composition which includes, by weight of oxides,

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| SiO ₂ | 32 to 48% |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 18 to 30% |
| CaO | 10 to 30% |
| MgO | 2 to 20% |
| FeO | 2 to 15% |
| Na ₂ O + K ₂ O | 0 to [10%] <u>below 5%</u> |
| TiO ₂ | 0 to 6% |
| Other Elements | 0 to 15% |

and the composition has a viscosity at 1400°C of 10 to 70 poise,

and the fibres have a dissolution rate of at least 20 nm per day [when measured at a pH of 4.5] determined from the silica concentration in solution one day and four days after shaking the fibres in Gambles solution at pH 4.5.